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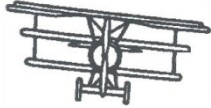
2519 Gray Manor Terrace  
Baltimore, MD 21222

**NEXT MEETING** : APRIL 20th – BIRD FIELD – 6:30 PM

**May 7 – 14 - Joe Nall** <http://www.joenall.com/>

**June 04 – Maryland Electric Day Spectacular – Laurel, MD** <http://www.freestateaeromodelers.org/>

**July 13 - 17 - Warbirds over Delaware**  
<http://www.delawarerc.org/warbirds.htm>



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## March Meeting

Club members were greeted by refreshments. Thanks to the members who help set up and clean up.

A brief history of the current FAA Rules situation facing our hobby was given. The information given was very informative and provoked a small question and answer session.

**Bill** provided a detailed Treasurers report which he weaved his typical wondrous tails of his fiscal responsibility.

In the field report it was stated that it will take approximately 5 loads of milling at \$200 a piece for millings for the road. Alternative materials were discussed and no matter what the final determination is, the club

will need volunteers when the weather breaks and work on the road can begin. Keep tuned in for updates. Positive comments still ring out from the membership about the driveway condition.

Multiple members brought in models purchased from the Lebanon RC Flea Market to show off to the rest of the membership. Looks like great deals were made and our membership was out in force in Lebanon.

**Loren** won Model of the Month with his Kit Built 40 sized trainer. Great looking plane.

Member **Dave Dix** has been using a pre-mixed Gasoline alternative called TRUFUEL. It can be purchased at Perry Hall Lawn on Joppa Rd. The website for the product is [www.trufuel50.com](http://www.trufuel50.com)



## Member News

**Thomas Jeannetta** won the Early Bird Dues raffle. Speaking of dues.....

For dues see **Bill Polhamus** at the meeting or mail a check with **Self Addressed Stamped**

**Envelope** to  
Bill Polhamus  
8 Ranger Ct.  
Balt 21234

**Unpaid dues after the May meeting will require a new \$40 initiation fee**

Dues -\$50

61 years or over -\$40

65 years or over -\$20  
(after 5 years of membership).

**Make checks payable to Sunday Flyers**

## AMA

Everyone should have renewed their AMA membership. If not, please renew as soon as possible. You must be an AMA member in good standing in order to fly at Bird Field.

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## Opening Day Fun Fly

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**John Holbrook has declared May 15 as Opening Day at Bird Field. Come out and fly or watch. No competitions. Just some food. We could use some donated Desserts and Salads. Cheeseburgers and Dogs will be available.**

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**The club welcomes prospective members**



**John Hill,  
Warren Shakespere,  
Tim Brink and  
Tommy Krasnodempski.**



The club voted in **Robert Vick, William Gieger and Will Slunt**

## Membership Raffle

The raffle prize is \$85 at the moment. It will grow as members buy into it. For those unsure how it works: You contribute \$1 at the meeting and put your name in the book for that evening's drawing. Everyone in the club is in the raffle "hat." A name is drawn, from the "hat." If it's your name and you have your name in the book for that meeting, you win 80% of the pot. If the person drawn isn't at the meeting or did not contribute the \$1 for that meeting, the pot is held over till the next meeting and continues to grow.

## March Raffle: Phoenix Models Super Decathalon ARF .46 - .51 Two Stroke 66" wing span



**\$2 each or 6 for \$5  
See the Cej for tickets**

### **Donations: thank you**

**Dennis Bledsoe - \$10,  
Bob Kelch - \$20  
George Weber - \$20  
Mike Shimmer donated \$3.00  
toward Newsletter delivery**

## **Congressional Awareness Campaign on FAA regulations gets attention**



After more than 85,000 letters to Congress expressing concern regarding FAA's intent to regulate model aviation, our message has been heard in the nation's capital. Members of Congress have responded with dozens of letters of support and many congressional leaders have pledged to advocate for the hobby. As of this writing, Congress is considering measures to exempt model aviation from onerous and unnecessary restrictions. Although it is too early to tell how this will play out, we can certainly say that our Congressional Awareness campaign was highly successful in bringing these issues to the attention of our elected officials. As the awareness campaign draws to a close, we are suspending additional letter writing efforts; however, now is not the time to let our guard down. The aeromodeling community is urged to remain vigilant and regularly check [www.modelaircraft.org/gov](http://www.modelaircraft.org/gov) for updates and another call to action if needed

## **Youth scholarship application deadline April 30**

The AMA sets aside up to \$40,000 each year to support the Charles H. Grant Scholarship program for youth who have been members for three years or more and are headed to college. Since the program's inception almost \$800,000 has been given to deserving youth. Deadline looms! Get more information and the application by clicking the link below.

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/education/scholarships.aspx>

## **Improve Your Flying Skills at Home: Part 1 by John Burdin**

For years, most of our friends who have learned to fly RC aircraft did all their training at the local flying site. Each day was a new adventure, and if something happened to preclude them from flying on their selected day (weather, mechanical or otherwise), it was wait until next time. Not only is this frustrating, in today's world it's wasting time. Occasionally a new student won't connect with an instructor, and numerous other things can cause delays.

Regardless of each person's skill level, we are always learning, and to use an old adage, "the day you stop learning you are finished." One great thing in today's RC world is the availability of very high-quality, computer-generated flight simulator flying.

RC flight training has evolved over the years. From someone telling you what to buy, how to put it together, and some basic flight instruction and then wishing you luck, today one can literally go from the hobby shop (or UPS delivery) to the flightline with a brand new model in a matter of days, and in some cases, hours. So why not speed up the learning process as well?

I remember discussing the RealFlight R/C Flight Simulator product with Bruce Holleck (founder of Tower Hobbies) many years ago as it was about to go to market. The goal was to produce a product that could dramatically shorten the learning curve for new RC pilots, get more people interested in RC, and save time and money with the process of learning to fly RC. His focus group consisted of all ages, and as he made clear at the time, it was working well. Think about the capacity and functionality of computers then versus now. I remember the early versions of RealFlight, and as well as they performed then, the latest version is spectacular. Other manufactures have come into the marketplace over the years with their versions of RC flight simulators, and some are really terrific.

If you are offered an RC flight simulator with an option to buy an interlink controller (transmitter) I strongly suggest that you take this route. You will be glad you did.

For beginner, novice, or experienced pilots, there are added benefits. If you are trying to learn or perfect a maneuver such as a slow or four-point roll, an RC flight simulator is the place to do it. And, an RC flight simulator crash won't cost you a dime! If you are having trouble with your confidence during a specific maneuver, the "sim" is the place to practice.

The use of an RC flight simulator won't guarantee anything, but my guess is that

your confidence and skill level will increase. It's certainly great training and a lot of fun anytime. →

## **MIDDLE RIVER HOBBIES**

136 Carroll island Road  
Middle River, MD 21220  
TEL. 410-335-0707

### **STORE HOURS**

**Monday - Friday 10 am - 8 pm**  
**Saturday 9 am - 6 pm**  
**Sunday 9 am. - 4 pm**

## **Hobbytown USA Glen Burnie**

10% discount to members (except fuel).

## **Hobby Works Bel Air**

Future rebates to all who register with them.

## **Tree climber Roger, (443)-791-6553. He charges \$50.**



**If anybody has any pictures or articles to submit, send them to the editor: JR. Broderick at jrbjr2@gmail.com**